

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 22 are pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 22 have been amended. Applicant submits that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found, for example, at page 9, line 20 through page 11, line 13 of the specification. Support for the amendments to claims 3-10 can be found, for example, at page 11, line 14 through page 12, line 23 of the specification. Support for the amendments to claim 11 can be found, for example, at page 3, line 21 through page 4, line 2 of the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 22 can be found, for example, at page 4, line 10-17 of the specification. Therefore, Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3-11, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims in view of the Examiner's comments and submits that the grounds for this rejection have been overcome. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

Claims 1, 3- 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,047,418 to *Ferren et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons discussed below.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention is directed to a first imaging apparatus that includes, *inter alia*, the features of a receiving unit which receives second image data and second authentication data from an external device, wherein both the second image data and the second authentication data are generated by a second imaging apparatus, the second imaging apparatus is different from the first imaging apparatus, and the second authentication data is generated from the second image data, and a display unit which (a) displays information indicating that the first image data was generated by the first imaging apparatus, if an authentication unit authenticates whether the first image data has been altered and (b) displays information indicating that the second image data was not generated by the first imaging apparatus, if the authentication unit authenticates whether the second image data has been altered.

Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features of Claim 1. In particular, Applicant submits that Ferren et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned receiving unit and display unit of Claim 1, and more specifically fails to disclose or suggest that both the second image data and the second authentication data are generated by a second imaging apparatus, where the second imaging apparatus is different from the first imaging apparatus, or that the display unit displays information indicating that the second image data was not generated by the first imaging apparatus, if an authentication unit authenticates whether the second image data has been altered.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present invention recited in Claim 1 is patentable over the cited art.

The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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